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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Barbara A. Gilchrest *et al.*)
Serial No.: 09/540,843)
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action of 18 November 2002 in which claims 2, 14-17, 19, 26, 29, 32, 75-79, 82, 88, 89, 93, 95 and 97 were variously rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first and second paragraphs and wherein claims 8, 71, 85 and 96 were objected to. Claims 1, 3-7, 9-11, 13, 20, 23, 25, 51, 52, 57, 58, 63, 64, 69, 72, 81, 83, 86, 94 and 98 were allowed. The applicant respectfully traverse the rejections and request reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks. This response is due 18 May 2003 by virtue of the attached petition and fee for a three-month extension of time to respond. No other fees are believed to be due, however, should any fees be deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this document, the Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct any such fees from Katten Muchin Zavis Deposit Account No. 50-1214.

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